



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

TAKITA, et al.

Art Unit: 2823

Application No.: 09/046,671

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Three times amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
a lightly doped semiconductor substrate of a first conduction type;
a buried semiconductor layer of a second conduction type formed in a first region of the semiconductor substrate, spaced from a surface of the semiconductor substrate;
a semiconductor region of the second conduction type extending from the surface of the semiconductor substrate to a peripheral portion of the buried semiconductor layer; and